



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

## PROCLAMATION

As Americans, we are blessed with freedom, prosperity and independence, thanks to the men and women who serve and have served in our Armed Forces. Once they leave active service, it is our duty to remember their commitment to our country and help them make a successful transition back to their communities and the workforce.

In 1944, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the GI Bill into law, he observed that more than anything else, American servicemen and women wanted "the assurance of satisfactory employment upon their return to civilian life."

Currently, more than 2.3 million honorably discharged veterans reside in California and thousands more return home to the Golden State each month upon their release from active service. These men and women served our nation in extraordinary ways and are now ready to bring that same level of commitment and professionalism to California's workforce.

This year, we recognize July as "Hire Vets First Month" to honor these military veterans and acknowledge their importance to our economic future. They possess excellent training, proven skills and a strong work ethic that can greatly benefit our state's businesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim July 2005, as "Hire Vets First Month."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th day of June 2005.

A handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Bruce McPherson in black ink.

Bruce McPherson  
SECRETARY OF STATE

